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West Valley City and Waste Management Launch Fleet of New Natural Gas Trucks

New natural gas truck fleet is the largest refuse and recycling fleet operating in Utah.

West Valley City, UT – As part of launching West Valley City's new trash and recycling services with Waste Management in July 2011, community leaders, business leaders and citizens celebrated the new fleet of 19 compressed natural gas (CNG) on Oct. 26 (today) on the steps of West Valley City Hall. The fleet of 19 CNG trucks is the largest refuse and recycling fleet operating in Utah. Among many environmental benefits, CNG trucks can reduce carbon emissions by up to 80 percent for heavy duty vehicles.

In the past year, West Valley City has been involved with the Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The goal for this fund was to stimulate the economy by creating jobs, protecting the environment, reducing emissions and reducing power consumption.

West Valley City Mayor Mike Winder said, "The addition of the CNG fleet is a great example of how we can partner with companies who share the same environmental goals as West Valley City. This is a perfect partnership not only for our City, but for Waste Management."

As an industry leader, Waste Management is committed to investing in cleaner technologies to enhance the waste business. This 19-truck CNG fleet servicing West Valley City is part of Waste Management's nationwide fleet of 1,000 CNG trucks—the largest natural gas heavy-duty refuse fleet in North America. In just one year, Waste Management's 1,000 natural gas trucks will displace eight million gallons of petroleum and eliminate approximately 41,500 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

CNG is one of the cleanest fuels currently available for use in heavy-duty trucks. Compared to diesel, CNG powered trucks emit less smog-forming nitrogen oxides and greenhouse gases:

- Carbon monoxide emissions are reduced by up to 80%
- Greenhouse Gas emissions are reduced by up to 25%

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- Nitrogen oxide emissions are reduced by up to 32%
- Hydrocarbon emissions are reduced by up to 64%
- Particulate matter emissions are reduced by up to 86%

As an additional benefit, CNG trucks run 50 percent quieter than diesel trucks.

“We are very excited to be a part of assisting West Valley City in advancing their sustainability goals and initiatives,” said Scott Bradley, area vice president for Waste Management. “We are honored to work in partnership with West Valley City for a cleaner, safer community for today and future generations.”

West Valley City

West Valley City is Utah's second largest city with a population of nearly 130,000 residents. For more information visit www.wvc-ut.gov.

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